

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – Regular Meeting  
Town Hall Conference Room  
October 6, 2015**

PRESENT: Steven M. Romano, Dexter S. Kinsella, Robert P. Valentine

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett, Allan Walker

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2015 were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of October 8, 2015, in the amount of \$52,206.89. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$21,236.16 and the warrant in the amount of \$30,970.73. Voted unanimous. The fees paid to the auditors were included in this warrant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine has received a report from Sandra E. Welwood, Auditor, relevant to the audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2015, for the year then ended, using auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America (US GAAS) that requires the auditors to advise management of internal control matters identified during said audit. They outlined matters that may strengthen internal control, operating efficiencies and offer potential improvements. The resulting exercise resulted in a *clean audit*.

Responses to the internal control matters cited in the auditor's report were drawn from research and discussions with Deborah Franklin, Accounting Consultant, and Chris King of *King, King and Associates*. The total completed audit will be presented to the Board of Finance at the meeting on October 7, 2015.

As a follow-up to the complaint by Karen Fletcher of Bentley Drive, of excessive noise from barking dogs, Bob Valentine met with the Animal Control Officer. This meeting and discussions therein will have the ACO contact Ms. Fletcher and advise her of the appropriate steps to be taken accordingly.

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Two vendors have been contacted for compatibility to connect the “voice-over internet protocol” phone system at Town Hall compatible with the *Nutmeg Network*; neither are able to supply VOIP services with our *Panasonic* phone system. A grant in the amount of \$19,900 has been received by Goshen from the state to facilitate the upgrades to allow Goshen to connect to the Nutmeg Network which will enable the town to connect with other municipalities sharing reports, documents, and other essential municipal information. Bob Valentine is moving forward with a meeting with one of the vendors in looking for options in order to obtain connection capabilities.

Bob Valentine met with Mr. Benoit, the property owner on Flora Road, adjacent to the plot of land owned by the Town of Goshen. They reached an agreement on the removal of encroachments on the town property. Bob Valentine was also told by Mr. Benoit, that there may be an issue with part of Mr. Benoit’s septic tank being on town property. Bob Valentine will see what information is available from the *Torrington Area Health District* in way of as-built drawings of Mr. Benoit’s septic system.

Paving of the many town roads of Goshen has been completed, noting by the Board members of a “job well done”.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Valentine received a letter from a taxpayer of Goshen, Deborah Hinckley, who lauded the assistance and efforts as “over and above” those of Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector and Lucy Hussman, Town Assessor. The Board of Selectmen expressed their sincere thanks to both Rebecca and Lucy for doing an outstanding job in helping Ms.Hinckley.

OLD BUSINESS:           NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to the agenda item 9b. *Appointments*. Voted unanimous.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Under item 9a, *Bid Opening – Winter Road Sand*, the following contractors submitted sealed bids for winter road sand:

<b>Segalla Sand and Gravel, Inc</b> 112 Allyndale Road North Canaan, CT 06018	Price per ton delivered: \$14.43 Price per ton picked up: 10.68
<b>O &amp; G Industries, Inc.</b> 112 Wall Street Torrington, CT 06790	Price per ton delivered: \$24.50 Price per ton picked up: *17.00 (*fob Bogue Rd. Harwinton)
<b>Laurelbrook Natural Resources, LLC</b> 6 Casey Hill Road East Canaan, CT 06024	Price per ton delivered: \$16.50 Price per ton picked up: 12.00

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IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to forward aforementioned bids to Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, for review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

A discussion took place on the possibility of a search in the field of municipal attorneys for the town of Goshen. The Board emphasized this search in *no way* reflects negatively on current legal representation. The Board felt they should, in the future, explore options in keeping with town *Purchasing Policy*. This item will be placed on the calendar for June, 2016.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to reappoint Charles "Chip" Roraback, Esq. of Roraback and Roraback, LLC. to serve as Town Attorney for Goshen from October 31, 2015 to October 31, 2016. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to reappoint the following individuals to the Safety Committee, with an open expiration date. Voted unanimous.

- Robert P. Valentine
- Garret Harlow
- R. Christopher Mitchell
- John Schneider
- Katherine E. Breakell

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bob Valentine reported on conversation he had with Dr. George Knoecklein, Northeast Aquatic Research. It was decided that Dr. Knoecklein will continue his tasks and submit the results of his surveys on Tyler Lake and Dog Pond and recommendations for same, inclusive of the problem regarding the invasive weeds. A teleconference is scheduled with Lake Weed Committee members from Westside Pond and Dr. Knoecklein. Steve Romano reported that he has received resignations from the Lake Weed Committee from Nell Glass and Christopher Sanders. A new member, Jerry Kaizser, has joined the Committee representing Tyler Lake. Inasmuch as the wants, needs and expectations from each of the three (3) lakes differ, it may be beneficial for the Lake Weed Committee look into becoming a 501-3C association, to bring together all of their goals. The Board of Selectmen wishes to emphasize that all of the work done to date by the Lake Weed Committee has accomplished a vast amount of work exceeding all previous efforts. Steven Romano, Chairman of the Lake Weed Committee, recommends Dr. Knoecklein be allowed to complete his work (covered by the grant monies awarded to the Lake Weed ; reassess the common/unified goals for the three lakes at the end of the year. The next meeting next meeting of the Lake Weed Committee is Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide